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EUROPE

1. FRANCE: Atlantic Pact prime Communist target--The US Military Attache in Paris has learned from a highly reliable source that the French Communist Party has received Cominform instructions to drop the slogans against the European recovery program and to concentrate on the "fight against the Atlantic Pact and Western Union." The MA reports that in the campaign for the March local elections in France, the Communists will stress Soviet peace efforts, as opposed to the "war plans of the Anglo-American imperialists."

(CIA Comment: CIA believes that the French Communists will, in view of the close connection between recovery and defense measures, continue to work actively against the European recovery program despite the anticipated shift in propaganda emphasis.)

NEAR EAST-AFRICA

2. PALESTINE: Israel noncommittal to US compromise appeal--Israeli Foreign Minister Shertok has been presented with a memorandum from the US Department of State expressing the earnest hope that Israel will follow Egypt's lead in accepting UN Acting Mediator Bunche's draft proposal at Rhodes as a possible basis for agreement. McDonald in Tel Aviv reports that Shertok, before departing for a Cabinet meeting at which the US memorandum was presumably to be discussed, responded by pointing out that Israel had already made several concessions and by expressing the view that the Bunche proposal called for abandonment of vital strongpoints so as to leave Israel "wide open" if Egypt should resume hostilities. McDonald comments that he is uncertain about what results the US memorandum may have, in view of Israel's "basic fear" of Egyptian strength.

Concurrently, Mark Ethridge (US member on the Conciliation Commission) transmits from Jerusalem the opinion of UN Acting Mediator Bunche that the Egyptians have made "very substantial concessions" and that an armistice would be in sight if the Israelis would do likewise. Document No. 029

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on German affairs. Bevin feels that agreement on the occupation statute and the west German constitution should be reached before the end of February.

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3. GREECE: Pressure being exerted for larger army--US
Ambassador Grady reports that a Greek drive to force UN support of an enlargement of the Greek Army has been set off by the new Commander-in-Chief at a recent meeting of the War Council. Grady indicates his deep disturbance over the line taken by the Commander-in-Chief at that meeting in which he: (a) stressed that the army was not large enough to do the job expected of Greece by its "allies"; (b) reiterated Greece's 30 September request for a 250,000-man army, implying that the US had not given consideration to this request; and (c) quoted his letter of last fall threatening to resign if he was not given a 250,000-man army within four months of taking office. Grady adds that the Commander-in-Chief has already forced the Government to call up conscripts without regard for the ceiling on the army's authorized strength. (The present authorized strength of the Greek Army, including the National Defense Corps, is 197,000.)

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